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SUBJECT: GIEREK DELIEVERS MAJOR SPEECH AT WARSAW PARTY PLENUM

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1. SUMMARY: FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK GAVE A MAJOR SPEECH AT THE WARSAW PARTY COMMITTEE PLENUM ON JANUARY 30, OVERSHADOWING IN MEDIA COVERAGE THAT OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER JOZEF KEPA, WARSAW COMMITTEE FIRST SECRETARY. EXCEPT FOR THIS INITIAL REMARKS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GIEREK DISCUSSED MAINLY WARSAW AND ITS SPECIAL ROLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE CURRENT PRL 30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. HE ALSO UNDERSCORED PREPARATIONS FOR A BROAD PROGRAM TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE NEXT 10-15 YEARS. GIEREK'S APPEARANCE IN THIS FORUM AND ITS HANDLING IN THE PRESS SEEM DESIGNED TO ENHANCE HIS STATURE AS A NATIONAL LEADER AND DIMINISH ANY LINGERING REGIONAL IDENTIFICATION. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN HIS REMARKS ABOUT WARSAW, GIEREK OBSERVED THAT THE BEST ILLUSTRATION OF THE CAPITAL'S ROLE AND RECENT DEVELOPMENT IS THAT IT HAS BECOME THE SECOND CITY IN POLAND IN TERMS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. HE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE WARSAW'S LABOR DEMOGRAPHY, POINTING OUT ITS GREATER PROPORTION OF PEOPLE WITH A HIGHER EDUCATION IN RELATION TO OTHER REGIONS. HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT WARSAW HAS A CONSIDERABLE LABOR SHORTAGE, PARTICULARLY IN INDUSTRY, CONSTRUCTION, AND SERVICES, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE PLANNED INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT FOR 1974 FALLS SHORT OF REQUIREMENTS BY 18,000 WORKERS. HE THEN CALLED FOR GREATER EMPHASIS ON SCHOOLING AND TECHNICAL TRAINING. GIEREK ALSO EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF THE WORKING CLASS IN WARSAW PARTY ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY THROUGH INCREASED RECRUITMENT. FINALLY, HE STRESSED THAT WARSAW, AS THE CAPITAL, MUST BECOME A POSITIVE MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IN THE AREA OF ADMINISTRATION, PARTICULARLY IN ITS EVERYDAY DEALINGS WITH THE CITIZENRY.

3. DESCRIBING THE AMBITIOUS NATURE OF THE PROJECT TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION, GIEREK INDICATED IT WOULD EMBRACE THE WHOLE FOOD PROBLEM FOR A 10-15 YEAR PERIOD AND WOULD INVOLVE "HUGE EXPENDITURES." HE SAID THE PROGRAM WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM THIS YEAR AND THAT MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR THE PLENUM WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO "BROAD CONSULTATION".

4. COMMENT: THERE ARE SEVERAL POSSIBLE REASONS WHY GIEREK CHOSE TO DELIVER A MAJOR SPEECH IN THE FORUM OF THE WARSAW PARTY PLENUM. HE MAY HAVE SOUGHT AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE FURTHER HIS STATURE AS A NATIONAL LEADER AS OPPOSED TO HIS IDENTIFICATION WITH THE KATOWICE REGION. THIS WOULD TAKE ON ADDED SIGNIFICANCE IN COUNTERING POSSIBLE RESENTMENT AMONG THE WARSAW LABOR FORCE -- BOTH WHITE AND BLUE COLLAR-- AS THE SILESIAN MINERS GET THE FIRST OF THE SCHEDULED SALARY INCREASES ON FEBRUARY 1 (REFTEL). ANOTHER POSSIBLE MOTIVATION, AS GIEREK INDICATED IN HIS REMARKS, IS THAT WARSAW WILL TAKE ON SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS GET UNDERWAY.

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5. THE FOOD PROGRAM GIERKE MENTIONED IS EVIDENTLY AMBITIOUS AND SIGNIFICANT. FOOD PRODUCTION WAS A MAJOR TOPIC AT THE REGULAR POLITBIURO MEETING ON JANUARY 29, AND, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE CARRIED THE NEXT DAY IN TRYBUNA LUDU, THE DISCUSSION RAN THE GAMUT FROM PRODUCTION PLANS TO THE FUNCTIONING OF AGRICULTURAL CIRCLES AND THE SALARIES OF FARM WORKERS. WE BELIEVE A PROGRAM OF MAJOR

SIGNIFICANCE FOR POLISH AGRICULTURE MAY BE IN  
THE WORKS. END COMMENT.  
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